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Sent: Friday, September 02, 2016 5:56 PM
To: HarborComments
Subject: Give Portland a Healthy River

Dear Administrator Gina McCarthy,

Leaving 85% of mercury, arsenic, lead and other toxic substances is just not acceptable. They will not just go away. We have a chance to do the right thing for the river, people and wildlife. Lets to the responsible thing and take care of the toxins in the Willamette now.

Portland deserves a river that is clean and healthy for people and for wildlife. The current plan will leave more 85% contaminated with PCBs, DDT, mercury, arsenic, lead and other toxic chemicals on 2,100 acres. Many people in our community subsistence fish in the Willamette and they deserve to be able to fish without fear of consuming toxins.

I am asking you to do the following:

1. EPA should select Alternative G with additional dredging in areas of high human use, areas of high ecological value, and areas where there is high risk of recontamination of the river.
2. EPA should set much clearer timelines and metrics for success including setting an explicit date by which Portland Harbor specific fish consumption advisories will be lifted.
3. EPA should select an alternative that allows all members of our community to eat fish safely from our river, including woman of childbearing age and children.
4. EPA's cleanup plan should include the heavily contaminated uplands as well as the heavily contaminated river.
5. EPA should do a much better job of addressing environmental justice issues, including reviewing and correcting significant deficiencies in its public engagement strategies for future phases of the Superfund process and delineating strategies for ensuring the jobs, economic benefits and other benefits associated with the Superfund process to the local community and particularly to underserved communities that have been impacted by contamination in Portland Harbor.
6. EPA should eliminate the confined disposal facility which would create a permanent toxic waste dump in our river.

Please do the right thing for Portlanders, not polluters, and give us a cleanup plan that will result in a clean and healthy river.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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